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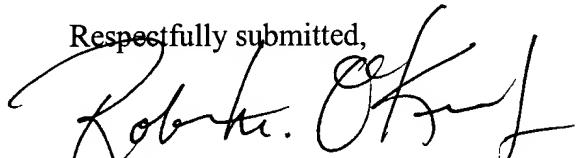
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- New Patent Application consisting of _____ pages and _____ Figs.
- Continued Prosecution Application (37 CFR §1.53(d)) -- The parent application is USSN _____ filed on _____. The prior Examiner was _____ in Group Art Unit _____.
- Response to Missing Parts
- Assignment and Recordation Cover sheet
- Inventors' CORRECTED Declaration for Patent Application (Previously submitted Declaration contained a error regarding the priority date.)
- Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- Information Disclosure Statement
- Petition for a _____ month extension of time
- Response to Office Action
- Preliminary Amendment
- Formal Drawings
- Informal Drawings
- Notice of Appeal
- An Appeal Brief (an original and two copies)
- Check in the amount of \$
- The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any requisite fees under 37 CFR 1.16 to 1.21 from, or deposit any credits to, Deposit Account No. 10-1205/ , including any concurrent or future required extension of time fees.
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- Postcard. Please date stamp and mail this postcard to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.
- Other: Request for Priority (2 pgs), along with Certified copy of Australian Application PCT/AU01/00527; Petition for Refund of Fees Under Rule 28; and Small Entity Statement

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 512-347-1611 with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious prosecution of the application.

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